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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 June 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 15-24, 28 and 29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-24, 28, 29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/20/07.

DETAILED ACTION

This action is issued in response to election filed 6/6/08.

Claims 1-14 were canceled. Claims 15-24, 28, and 29 were elected. Claims 25-27 were withdrawn from consideration.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of claims 15-24, 28-29 in the reply filed on 6/6/08 is acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Regarding Claims 15-23, 28, and 29 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Twiss US Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0168318 filed on Feb, 12, 2003.

Regarding Claims 15, 28, and 29 Twiss discloses a file generation apparatus which generates a file name, said apparatus comprising:

an identifier generation unit operable to generate a globally unique identifier which includes (i) information for identifying a chronological order in which a file is created and (ii) information for identifying a hardware which creates the file (Paragraph 70, Twiss);

a calculation unit operable to calculate a hash value from the globally unique identifier generated by said identifier generation unit (Paragraph 32, Twiss);

a number issue unit operable to issue a number when each file is created; and a file name generation unit operable to generate a file name which includes (i) the hash value calculated by said calculation unit and (ii) the number issued by said number issue unit (Paragraph 61, Twiss).

Regarding Claim 16, Twiss discloses a file name generation apparatus wherein said identifier generation unit is operable to generate the globally unique identifier so as to include (i) at least one of a date and a time when the file is created, and a serial number representing the chronological order in which the file is created, and (ii) at least one of a serial number of said file name generation apparatus, and a serial number of a storage medium in which the file is stored (Paragraph 10, table 1, Twiss).

Regarding Claim 17, Twiss discloses a file name generation apparatus wherein said identifier generation unit is operable to generate the globally unique identifier so as to include (i) at least one of a date and a time when the file is created, and a random number generated when the file is created, and (ii) at least one of a serial number of said file name generation apparatus, and a serial number of a storage medium in which the file is stored (Fig. 6a, Twiss).

Regarding Claim 18, Twiss discloses a file name generation apparatus wherein said calculation unit is operable to calculate the hash value such that the hash value is represented by an alpha-numeric character in base-N notation, where N is larger than 10 (Paragraph 23, Twiss).

Regarding Claim 19, Twiss discloses a file name generation apparatus wherein said calculation unit is operable to calculate the hash value such that the hash value is represented by two alpha-numeric characters, said number issue unit is operable to issue the number such that the number is represented by four alpha-numeric characters, and said file name generation unit is operable to generate the file name so as to include (i) the two-character hash value calculated by said calculation unit and (ii) the four-character number issued by said number issue unit (Fig. 9, S902, Twiss).

Regarding Claim 20, Twiss discloses a file name generation apparatus wherein said calculation unit is operable to divide the globally unique identifier into plural blocks each of which has N bytes, so as to calculate the hash value such that the hash value is represented by N alpha-numeric characters, when N is an available number of the characters for the hash value (Fig. 3e, Twiss).

Regarding Claim 21, Twiss discloses a file name generation apparatus wherein said calculation unit is operable to calculate the hash value such that the hash value is represented by two alpha-numeric characters, said number issue unit is operable to issue the number such that the number is represented by four alpha-numeric characters, and said file name generation unit is operable to generate the file name so as to include (i) the two-character hash value calculated by said calculation unit, (ii) the four-character number issued by said number issue unit, and (iii) a channel number which is represented by two alpha-numeric characters (Paragraph 23, Twiss).

Regarding Claim 22, Twiss discloses a file name generation apparatus wherein said calculation unit is operable to divide the globally unique identifier into plural blocks each of which has N bytes, so as to calculate the hash value such that the hash value is represented by N alpha-numeric characters, when N is an available number of the characters for the hash value (Paragraph 61, Twiss).

Regarding Claim 23, Twiss discloses a file name generation apparatus further comprising a storage unit operable to store multimedia data into a storage medium, under the file name which is generated by said file name generation unit (Paragraph 71, Twiss).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 24 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Twiss US Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0168318 filed on Feb, 12, 2003 in view of Ogikuba US Patent Application Publication 2005/0243190 filed Nov. 15, 2002..

Regarding Claim 24, Twiss discloses all the limitations as state above. However, the Twiss is silent with respect to the file name generation apparatus wherein said identifier generation unit is operable to generate a Unique Material Identifier defined in SMPTE330M standard, as the globally unique identifier. On the other hand Ogikubo discloses the use of

identifier generation unit is operable to generate a Unique Material Identifier defined in SMPTE330M standard, as the globally unique identifier as shown in paragraph 64, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention is made to incorporate the identifier generation unit is operable to generate a Unique Material Identifier defined in SMPTE330M standard, as the globally unique identifier disclosed in the Ogikuba in the Twiss system. Skilled artisan would have been motivated to make such modification to improve the restricted version of the SDTI format as suggested by Ogikuba paragraph 64.

Point of Contact

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sana Al-Hashemi whose telephone number is 571-272-4013. The examiner can normally be reached on 8Am-4:30Pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Pierre Vital can be reached on 571-272-4215. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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